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Sir:

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This will make a record of a phone conversation between Ms. Jones (identified above) and me (the undersigned, Attorney of record for Applicant) on about January 16, 2003.

The existing situation arose as a result of the anthrax episode in the Patent Office in October, 2001.

I sent two identical copies of the application to the Patent Office, respectively, in October 2001, and January (or February) 2002. Neither of these were identified by the Patent Office at that time as by filing date or serial number.

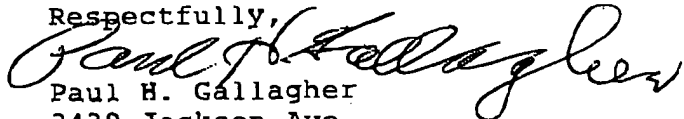
At a later time, (June 28, 2002) in a phone call to the Patent Office, I was informed that there were two applications pending, identified in the heading of this paper. I was also

told that these were selected by inventor and title of the invention.

On June 16, 2002, I wrote a "Letter - Request to Establish Filing Date" to the Patent Office, giving a full explanation of the situation. I have not received an answer to this last mentioned Letter.

Applicant hereby again requests the issuance of a filing date and serial number of a single application containing appropriate material contained hereinabove.

Respectfully,



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